

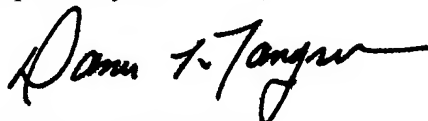
REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment applicant has amended the specification by incorporating appropriate section titles and has amended the abstract to comply with US requirements. A copy of the abstract is also attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper. Claims 1-9 have been cancelled and new claims 10-24 added. The new claims are supported by original claims 1-9 and have simply been redrafted so as to remove multiple dependencies and to otherwise place the claims in a more conventional format for prosecution in the United States. In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the specification and the claims do not introduce new matter, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, claims 10-24 are presented for the Examiner's consideration on the merits.

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